1	2	3
CCL	7,708	7,695
SECL	2,958	2,882
WCL	3,549	3,445
MCL	768	757
NCL	389	387
NEC	298	289
CMPDIL	139	139
DCC	21	20
CIL (HQ)	175	174
Total	37,095	36,964

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. There has been decline in the number of female workers in the last three years as shown below:

Year (as on Ist April)	No. of female workers
1997	37,030
1996	37,267
1995	42,227
1994	44,123
Overall Reduction (in last 3 years)	7,093
%age reduction	16.08

(d) The main reasons for decline in the number of female workers are as follows:

(i) Natural wastage, i.e. superannuation, death etc.

(ii) Voluntary Retirements under BPE and CIL Schemes.

(iii) Special Female VRS.

(iv) Resignations.

(v) Dismissals/Terminations from employment.

[Translation]

Pending cases in Women Courts

2656. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases are lying pending in the Women Courts in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of cases pending in these Courts at present and the reasons therefor;

(c) the action being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for speedy disposal of these pending cases; and

(d) the amount incurred by the Union Government on setting up of these courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) As per information available, there are no Mahila Courts in Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Production/Consumption of Salt

2657. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production and consumption of salt in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the quantity of salt exported during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The production and consumption of salt (both edible and industrial) in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise; is given in the attached statement I and II respectively.

(b) The quantity of salt exported during the said period is as follows:

Year	Quantity exported (in thousand tonnes)
1994	472.6
1995	516.4
1996	546.8

Statement-I

Statewise Production of Salt

S.N.	State	Production in Thousand Tonnes		
		1994	1995	1996
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Rajasthan	1096.7	1526.2	1131.4
2.	Gujarat	8881.4	8824.4	10403.5
3.	Maharashtra	185.8	224.3	245.9
4.	Karnataka	21.9	17.2	18.9
5.	Tamil Nadu	2010.9	1738.8	2283.6
6.	Andhra Pradesh	262.0	139.9	276.4
7.	Goa	2.2	1.7	2.5
8.	Orissa	50.6	26.5	47.0
9.	West Bengal	14.2	19.3	21.7
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2.1	1.9	2.5
11.	Diu & Daman	16.4	23.8	32.7
	Total	12344.2	12544.0	14466.1